

Board of Trustees Action Items

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North Water Reclamation Facility Honored – Town of Erie Water/Wastewater Manager John Mays announced to the Board that the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Concrete Institute (ACI) has awarded the Town of Erie North Water Reclamation Facility (NWRF) project with the 2010 Award of Merit for excellence in construction. ACI recognized the cooperative efforts between the Town, contractor, engineers and suppliers during the construction of a complex project during a challenging construction period. The North Water Reclamation Facility required over 8,000 yards of concrete to be placed – much of it during winter conditions with below freezing temperatures.

North Water Reclamation Facility Ribbon Cutting set for this Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 10:30 am. View Event Details and Map

BACKGROUND: Operational as of April of this year, the initial capacity of the NWRF is 1.5 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) with ultimate capacity to 3.5 MGD. This additional capacity will serve future Erie customers including those along Highway 52 and Interstate 25. The NWRF includes a Reuse Pump Station and one thousand (1,000) acre foot re-use reservoir to accommodate reclaimed water storage to provide a non-potable supply that is safe and suitable for uses such as landscape irrigation. The use of reclaimed water is included in the Town's Water Conservation Plan and is seen as an environmentally responsible way to conserve scarce and expensive water supplies. Other sustainable practices incorporated into the design and operations of the NWRF include: Class "A" Bio Solids processing room (first in central U.S. to be put in use); high speed/high efficiency turbo blowers (only the 2nd application in use in Colorado); outdoor aeration basins with Integrated Fixed Film Activated Sludge (IFAS) media; low impact building design and xeric landscaping.

NWRF TIMELINE:

- November 9, 2009: Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Northwater Reclamation Facility
- September 2009: Board approves design and construction contracts for the North Water Reclamation Facility in the amount of \$20,112,262.

• August 2009: Town awarded American Recovery & Reinvestment Act funding for the Erie Non-Potable Water Pump Station Project. The Town was approved for a total of \$3,534,700: including an ARRA loan in the amount of \$2,000,000 at 0% interest for a term of 20 years, and a base program loan of \$1,534,700 at an interest rate of 2% for 20 years. The Town's total savings from obtaining these favorable interest rates are in excess of \$1.6 million for the 20 years. The net present value of this savings is \$1,000,000.

Board Approves Lease Agreement with Erie Chamber of Commerce – The Board approved a Lease Agreement with the Erie Chamber of Commerce for the continued lease of Town owned property located at 235 Wells Street in Historic Downtown. In June of 2008, the Town of Erie entered into a Lease Agreement with the Erie Chamber of Commerce for the lease of Town-owned property located at 235 Wells Street in Historic Downtown. The term of the lease was for a three year period terminating on June 30, 2011. At the Chamber's request, Town Staff prepared a new Lease Agreement comprised of substantially the same terms as the existing agreement set to expire in two months. General terms of the Lease Agreement:

- Property location: 235 Wells Street
- Term to be three years (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014)
- Annual rent of \$1
- No Security Deposit

Mayor Wilson Presents Young Patriots Award – Mayor Wilson presented the Young Patriots Award to Samantha and Trevor Harris who led those in attendance in reciting the pledge of allegiance.



Photo: Mayor Joe Wilson presents the Young Patriots Award to Trevor and Samantha Harris.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet in Study Session on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 6:00 pm and during a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 6:30 pm. The next regularly scheduled <u>Board of Trustees</u> meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the <u>Town Hall boardroom</u> located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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